

# Faith-based Disaster Preparedness Summit

## Preparing Our Communities for Disaster

Tuesday, September 23, 2008                      9 a.m. – 12 noon  
First United Methodist Church  
2111 Camino Del Rio South; San Diego, CA 92108

The people of San Diego responded in generous and compassionate ways to the victims of the wildfires that hit our county in October 2007. Numerous organizations and agencies have continued to give assistance for ongoing recovery efforts, and many in our community have observed that our collective response is better this time than it was following the 2003 Cedar Fire. We want to be even better prepared the next time a crisis strikes. We are joining forces to develop a better Disaster Preparedness Plan and we need your participation.

**San Diego's faith-based leadership is developing a Faith-Based Disaster Preparedness Plan** in cooperation with the Office of Emergency Services of San Diego County, San Diego City Office of Homeland Security, San Diego V.O.A.D. and the American Red Cross. This plan will be developed around the resources and abilities of San Diego's many faith communities.

**At this Summit you will learn:** 1) what you need to prepare every household in your congregation or organization to be ready for a disaster; 2) the type of questions you need to ask at an organizational level when it comes to preparing for a prolonged disaster; 3) what the faith-based community is doing to prepare us to respond regionally.

**Please contact Michael Wilson at Recover San Diego at 619-228-2887, or by email at [michaelwilson@recoversandiego.org](mailto:michaelwilson@recoversandiego.org) to confirm your attendance and participation.** There is much work to be done and we understand that time is limited for all of us, so we will respect your gift of time by making it worthwhile. Your participation and commitment to this process will be a benefit and a blessing to the people of San Diego. Our goal is to have a plan we can turn to in a time of disaster, giving us clear procedures and enabling us to serve our neighbors faithfully and responsibly.